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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA: INQUIRY CONNECTED
WITH "CHARTER 77"

1. ON AUG 24 EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS VISITED BY
AMCIT MARTIN HOLUB, AN ARCHITECT WHO HAS NEW YORK ADDRESS
BUT SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME ON PROJECT IN THERAN. HE MADE
INQUIRY CONNECTED WITH FOLLOWING CASE, ON WHICH WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE COMMENT INCLUDING ANYTHING WE MIGHT
TELL MR. HOLUB.

2. HIS MOTHER, DR. MILOSLAVA HOLUBOVA OF MALOSTRANSKE 15,
PRAGUE, SIGNED "CHARTER 77" IN JANUARY 1977. SHE SUBSEQUENTLY
WAS PUNISHED FIRST BY CONFISCATION OF DRIVER AND CAR LICENSES
WHICH WERE RETURNED TO HER IN MAY 1977 AND THAN BY REFUSAL OF
EXIT VISA TO VISIT HER SON (SHE HAD BEEN GRANTED EXIT VISAS
ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS IN PAST YEARS AND RETURNED). AFTER
FOUR MONTHS OF REFUSING EXIT VISA ONE WAS GRANTED TO HER FOR A
VISIT TO HER SON IN TEHRAN. HOWEVER, ON MAY 4, 1977
MRS. HOLUBOVA WAS TAKEN OFF HER PLANE BY POLICE JUST
PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW AND ONWARD FLIGHT TO
TEHRAN. POLICE GAVE HER NO EXPLANATION AND CONFISCATED
HER PASSPORT. SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED A MINISTRY
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HEARING WHERE SHE WAS TOLD THAT BECAUSE OF HER HOSTILE
ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CZECH SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT,
SHE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO VISIT ABROAD FOR THE REST
OF HER LIFE. HOWEVER, SHOULD SHE WISH TO EMIGRATE
PERMISSION WOULD BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY.

3. MR. HOLUB SAYS HIS MOTHER DOES NOT WISH TO EMIGRATE

AND FEELS THE DENIAL OF HER RIGHT TO LEAVE HER COUNTRY
AND RETURN IS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE HELSINKI DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE
CZECH GOVERNMENT. WHILE NOT ESPECIALLY DESIRING
TO DRAMATIZE HER CASE, SHE WOULD LIKE REDRESS. MR. HOLUB
SAYS SHE IS INTERESTED IN WHETHER OR NOT HER CASE MIGHT
BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS AT BELGRADE OR
ELSEWHERE ON CZECH COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT THEY
SIGNED.

4. MR. HOLUB REALIZES USG IS NOT GOING TO ADVISE HIM
BUT SIMPLY INFORM HIM ON WHETHER OR NOT THIS CASE IS OF
INTEREST IN SOME FORMAL, OFFICIAL WAY. WOULD APPRECIATE
ADDRESSE REACTION.
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